ABSTRACT

A method and system for controlling legacy entertainment devices through a data network includes a source-side network adaptor for coupling a legacy entertainment source device to a network. The source-side network adaptor is adapted to receive entertainment output of the legacy entertainment source and forward the entertainment output to the network. An output-side network adaptor is also provided for coupling an output device to the network and for receiving selected entertainment output from the network and providing such output to the output device. In addition, the output-side network adaptor is adapted to receive commands from a wireless controller and includes an output selecting module for selecting entertainment output based on one or more commands. Selection of the source-side network adaptor and an associated legacy entertainment source is accomplished automatically. Furthermore, ambiguities that can occur when multiple legacy entertainment sources are responsive to the same wireless controller are managed to allow the user to select the desired legacy source device for display.